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REMARKS

Claim 1 has been amended to include the end beam particulars from the third paragraph of allowed claim 2. Since the Fehrenbach '627 patent neither discloses nor suggests the claimed support brackets having outer ends connected to the right and left side frames, or a center bar connected, through the deformation absorbing means, to the support bracket, or a center bar having an instrument attachment portion, it is submitted that claims 1 and 3 also are allowable.

It is submitted that the amendment to claim 1 does not present new issues since it merely incorporates features from original claim 2, which have already been searched.

It is submitted that all claims are now of proper form and scope for allowance. Early and favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge the one month extension of time fee (submitted herewith) and any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith to our Deposit Account No. 13-2855, under Order No. 19036/39691. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

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